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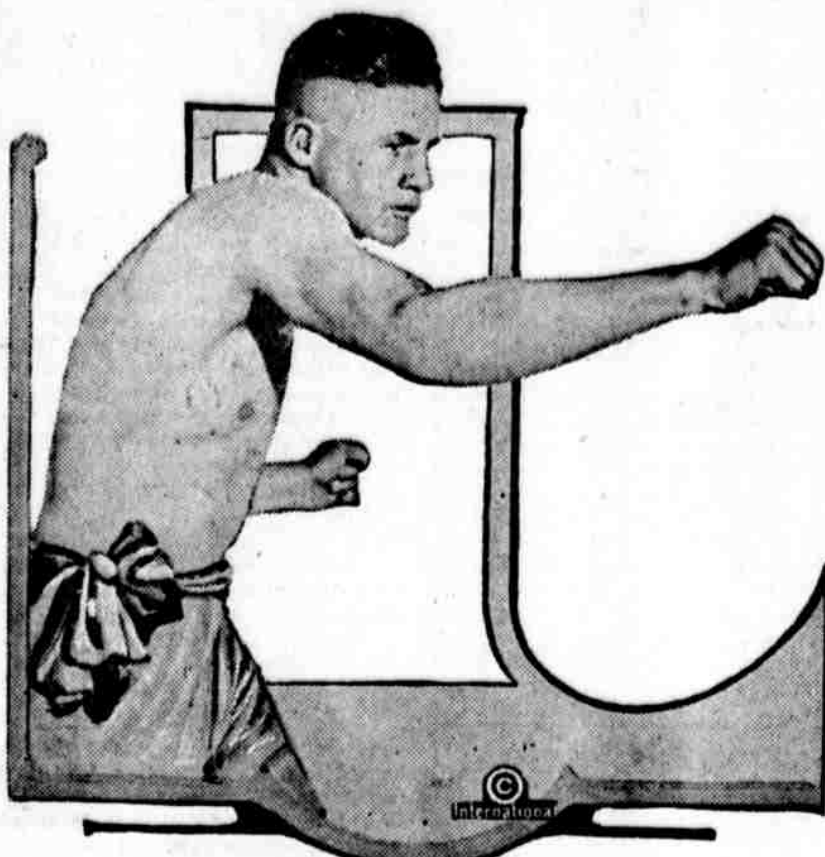
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## BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

BOB MARTIN IS PROMISING ASPIRANT  
FOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Pugilistic Idol of the Soldier Boys.

According to Jimmy Bronson, who has Bob Martin, the heavyweight champion of the A. E. F. in tow, the champion of the United States army will be a revelation when he starts his campaign in the American ring. I saw Bronson over in Detroit the other night and James confided that Martin is every bit as good as the critics claim and a little bit more, writes Harry Hockstadter in Chicago Evening Post.

Is a Terrific Hitter.  
"Bob is a terrific hitter," said Jimmy. "He has just about ruined all the sparring partners that I dig up for him. He can't help himself. All he knows is to hit hard, and after a few days of work his sparring partners leave the training camp. I've had Bob living out in the woods, close to nature, and all that stuff. Here we have a camp cook and Bob goes around butting down trees and breathing plenty of fresh air."

"I don't intend to do any claim-

ing of championships for the A. E. F. hero for some time to come. According to present plans we are preparing Bob for a battle with Jack Dempsey, but it won't be for some months yet. We are going to work our way up to that point by degrees.

"I'm going to give the big fellow plenty of boxing. That's what he needs more than anything else. You see, he has done everything asked of him while in the army in a boxing line. They all looked alike to Mr. Martin. He just tore them to pieces with his trip-hammer blows and he is sure to repeat when he starts plowing through the professional ranks.

Ideal as Champion.  
"Right now I have a half dozen offers for his appearance. Every member of the A. E. F. who saw Martin read about him wants to see how this fellow pans out. He is the idol of the soldier boys and would make an ideal champion."

FRANK CHANCE ONCE  
DARED JIM CORBETTAccused Champion of "Framing"  
With Kid McCoy.Former Baseball Star Started Out  
With Intention of Giving Pugilist a Thrashing—Bartender  
Interfered at the Right Time.

The best fighters are not in the ring. Many athletes in lines far removed from the wake of the resin, could battle with more effect than some of the boys who earn their money meeting the lads in their class in the glove game.

Of all athletes in recent years who might be depended upon to give a good account of themselves in any sort of engagement, Frank Chance, famed as the manager of the Chicago Cubs a few years ago, was a real champion. He was always in first-class condition and was as game as a mountain trout.

Chance was going to whip former Champion Corbett in the latter's place of business in New York on one occasion, and only the rare presence of mind on the part of a bartender prevented what might have been a nasty encounter. Chance, with some friends, had witnessed the Corbett-McCoy fight in Madison Square garden in August, 1900. That was the bout in which both fighters were accused of having



Frank Chance.

"framed." Chance paid \$25 for a box seat at the show, and when it was over the Cub star was in a white rage.

He told his friends he was going to Corbett's cafe at Twenty-third and Broadway the next day to tell the former champion what he thought of his integrity, and, if necessary, he would take a smash at the boxer. He called on Corbett as he promised. Corbett met Frank with a smile on his face. Chance unloaded his criticism and decorated it with a few compliments for Corbett that swept the latter off his feet. Chance dared Corbett to raise his hands, but before Corbett could do so the bartender told Corbett he was wanted on the phone.

Some friends hustled Chance out of the place. Corbett was taken in tow in another room and the trouble blew over. The matter was fixed up a few years later, and now Corbett and Chance are good friends, although Chance has never backed down from his stand that the fight was a ruse. There are not many men outside of the fight game who would have couried trouble with Corbett at that time.

## STONEHAM BUYS REAL HORSE

Owner of New York Giants Purchased  
Bally, Winner of Jerome Handicap, at Auction.

Having bought a race track within the past few weeks, Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York National League team, bought a real race horse the other day at Empire City. He purchased Bally, a five-year-old son of Ballot, at the auction sale of the horses in training from the stable of James Butler.

Stoneham races under the name of the Casco Stable. But the horses that have run in his colors have been selling platters of very poor quality.

His purchase of Bally, who won the Jerome Handicap, and for which he paid \$4,800, would seem to indicate that the owner of the Giants is going to build up a formidable stable. As owner with John J. McGraw of Oriental Park in Havana, Cuba, Stoneham probably thinks that he should have a few real thoroughbreds representing him on the track.

## WALTER SALMON IS HONORED

Amateur Athletic Union Official Appointed Member of Olympic  
Athletic Committee.

Walter J. Salmon, the prominent Union official, has been notified by Frederick W. Rubin, president of the Metropolitan association, of his appointment a member of the American Olympic Athletic committee.

CUE SKILL OF CHAMPION WILLIAM HOPPE  
DUE LARGELY TO INFLUENCE OF FATHER

Supreme Billiardist of His Time.

Willie Hoppe has again won a billiard championship over the best exponents of the game in the world.

There may be fellows who can play a more brilliant game than Hoppe in practice. There is no man, nor any set of men, who can beat him in a tournament.

What is true of every other game is true of billiards. There are times when some men can play brilliantly when there is nothing at stake, but it is the fellow who can always play brilliantly who gets money and makes the championships. Hoppe is one of these. He always plays in championship form.

## Has Lived Right.

The reason he does that is that he has always lived in a way to guarantee constant topnotch play. He has sacrificed more, probably, than any other living billiardist, and it shows in the result.

There is no man on earth who, in the long run, can beat Hoppe at the billiard game, and he has earned the right to be the supreme billiardist of his time; he has worked for it.

Whatever success Champion Hoppe has attained at billiards—and by many he is conceded to be the greatest ballgame player of all time—is due largely to the influence of his father, now a billiard instructor.

John Henry Frank Hoppe was born in 1862 at Goshen, N. Y. His sons are Frank, the pocket billiard player, now living at Rockford; Willie, the ballgame champion, and Albert, who is in business in St. Louis.

## Sons Start Game Young.

Frank Hoppe was 7½ and Willie 5½ when they first started playing. Hoppe

sr. had a combination table and the first efforts of the boys was at pocket billiards. Hoppe toured the country with the youngsters. Willie then being 8. Willie took up billiards and at 10 years of age could play 100 or no count.

It sometimes has been stated that Willie stood on a box to play some shots, but his father denies this. The boy climbed on the table when he had a long reach to make.

Willie Hoppe won the shortstop championship of the world at Paris in January, 1904, and then returned home and toured with the late Jake Schaefer, winning most of his games.

His next goal was the 18-1 championship and for six months he practiced under the eye of his father and then, going to France, electrified the billiard world by wresting the title from Maurice Vignaux, the great French master, on Jan. 15, 1906. Hoppe won, 500 to 323, averaging 20.

In fourteen years of championship play Hoppe has been beaten only twice in challenge matches, once by Sutton and once by Schaefer.

## Father Student of Game.

There is no greater student of the game than Mr. Hoppe the elder. For forty years he watched the leading players of the world and from this study evolved a system which is different from that of any other player. It is this system which has given Willie his supremacy as a ballgame player. It is based largely on the method in which the object ball is hit. "Time or timing," says Mr. Hoppe, "is the greatest item in billiards," and his ability in this line has been a big factor in the work of Willie Hoppe.

## AGED SCOT IS HARDY



The photograph shows Alexander Mackintosh, who is sixty-nine years "young" demonstrating his vigor by putting a 16-lb. shot with all the energy and ease of a man one-third his age. The scene is at the gathering in the Princess Royal Park, at Braemar, Scotland.

## TENNIS IS NOT MAJOR SPORT

Harvard Student Council Votes  
Against Awarding "H" to Players  
—Coach Favored.

Keen disappointment was felt at the recent action of the student council at Harvard when it voted that it was not in favor of making tennis a major sport and awarding members of the team the "H," but it did favor the securing of a tennis coach for the "varsity" team and the awarding of an "H" to Harvard men who win the singles or doubles event of the intercollegiate tennis tournament. At the present time, to gain an "H," a Harvard tennis man must win the singles title in the intercollegiate meet.

TWIRLER LOSES A GAME  
BEFORE PITCHING BALL

It is seldom indeed that a pitcher goes into the box and loses a game before he has even pitched a ball, as was the case in the Milwaukee-Indianapolis game, which brought the American association championship season of 1919 to a close. Cavet entered the box in the ninth inning with the score tied and by making a balk with a runner on third base allowed the opposing team to score the winning run.

LITTLE PICKUPS  
OF SPORT

Detroit has organized an amateur rugby football association.

Harvard baseball and lacrosse teams will make southern trips in 1920.

Coach Spaeth of Princeton has fifteen eight-oared crews practicing on Lake Carnegie.

Legalized boxing netted New Jersey \$50,623.00 for the fiscal year ending September 30 last.

The Riverside (N. J.) Yacht club wants next year's men's and women's long-distance amateur events.

Polo and golf have been added to the sports which are being conducted for the men of the American army in Germany.

Ambrose Putnam, veteran pitcher and star of other days, is now in the oil business and said to be making a lot of money.

Fielder Jones, formerly manager of the White Sox, is thinking of purchasing stock in the Vancouver club if it is admitted to the Pacific Coast League. He is being mentioned as manager.